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Dear Sir:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent Application No. 09/402,446

**Entitled: Intravenous Immune Globulin Formulation Containing a
Non-Ionic Surface Active Agent with Improved Pharmacokinetic
Properties**

Inventors: Hugh W. Price and B. Michael R. Woloski

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Art Unit: 1645

The present letter is filed in response to the office action of December 5, 2001. Applicants are simultaneously filing a petition for a one month extension of time rendering the due date for reply April 5, 2002.

Please amend the claims as follows:

*no claim 23
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Please delete claims 1-23 and 26 currently of record.

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Please add new claims 27-60 as follows:

*Rule 23
(26) 27 (New) A method of increasing the serum half-life of an immune globulin comprising parenterally administering to an animal in need thereof an immune globulin preparation comprising an immune globulin and at least one non-ionic*

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